IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF DIVISION

STEVEN LARON MCARTHUR ADC #95870

PLAINTIFF

V.

5:04CV00267 JMM/JTR

EDWARD SMITH, Food Production Manager, Cummins Unit

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Appointed counsel for Plaintiff Steven McArthur has filed a Motion and a Supporting Brief seeking reimbursement from the Library fund for \$797.80 for litigation costs he incurred while representing Plaintiff in this action. *See* docket entries #107 and #108. Local Rule 83.6, Exhibit A(2), provides that: "Before an attorney expends an amount above \$500, for which the attorney intends to seek reimbursement from the fund, written approval must be obtained from a District Court Judge or Magistrate Judge." (Emphasis added.)

Although the costs incurred by counsel appear to be reasonable, he did not obtain written permission prior to expending more than \$500, as required by Rule 83.6, Exhibit A(2). Accordingly, the Court will instruct the Clerk to pay counsel \$500.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Plaintiff's Motion for Disbursement of Funds Pursuant to Local Rule 83.6 (docket entry #107) is GRANTED, AS MODIFIED.
- 2. The Clerk shall distribute to Mr. J. R. Baber the amount of \$500 from the Library Fund.

Dated this 8th day of November, 2007.

JNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE